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MEMORANDUM FOR:

OVP-Mr. Donald P. Gregg NSC-Mr. Robert Kimmitt ACDA-Mr. William B. Staples

Commerce-Mrs. Helen Robbins DOD-COL R.J. Affourtit JCS-MAJ Michael Emerson

SUBJECT:

Report of the CBW Arms Control IG

Attached is a copy of the summary report of the May 10 meeting of the Chemical and Biological Weapons (CBW) Arms Control IG.

by Nicholas Platt Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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Meeting of the Interdepartmental Group on Chemical and Biological Weapons Arms Control

May 10, 1985

PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS:

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John Hawes (PM) (Chairman)

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DISCUSSION:

Thomas Cooper

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The IG met at 2:00 p.m. to:

- (1) discuss the issue of global chemical weapons (CW) proliferation and related considerations; and
- (2) discuss OSD's suggested changes to the Article X challenge inspection provision of the U.S. draft CW Treaty.

The Chairman introduced the subject and invited discussion of CW proliferation, following which the IG:

- -- agreed that there is an urgent need for development of coordinated US policy, goals, and priorities for dealing with CW proliferation; and
- -- tasked the IG Working Group to produce two papers to define: (1) the problem, and (2) the available policy options.

IG principals also provided initial reactions to OSD's suggested changes to Article X of our draft CW treaty and agreed to meet again soon to consider the ideas further so they might be used informally with the British as part of US efforts to resolve differences with the UK relating to Article X.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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